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Yes, other CWA authorities.

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Thank you Ronna! Appreciate your follow-up on this. When you say other statutory authorities--- are you talking generally about those under the CWA? Just want to be sure I understand this correctly.

Thanks!

Sarah

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Hi, Sarah. I've checked with our programs and learned the following about EPA's oversight and inspection of the BP Whiting facility.

EPA monitored and conducted oversight of BP remediation activities until April 9, 2014 with the completion of the Oiled Shoreline Assessment (SCAT Report). EPA found no sunken oil or sheen was present in 36 locations in Lake Michigan. BP will monitor the beach area and the multi-agency SCAT team will revisit the site this summer for a final walkthrough.

EPA inspected the BP Whiting Refinery for compliance with CWA 311 Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) and Facility Response Plan (FRP) regulations on April 15, 2014. BP is in the process of preparing a root cause analysis, which will be forwarded to EPA within 60 days.

A more detailed SPCC inspection is planned for May. EPA is also evaluating whether to proceed using other statutory authorities.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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